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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph.

The controller may then receive a request to create a file or to process an existing file (block 54). If the request is to create a file, the file may be created on the first tier. If the file already exists, the controller may determine whether the requested file is stored on the first tier or the second tier (block 55). If the requested file is stored on the first tier, the controller may process the file (block 56). Alternatively, if the requested file is stored on the second tier, a second tier disk containing the file may be powered "on" (block 57). The controller may then determine if more space is need on the first tier to allow the second tier file to be transferred (block 58). If additional space is required, the controller may generate additional first tier disk space (block 59). If additional space is not required or after additional space has been generated (block 59), the requested file may be copied to the first tier (block 60). The controller may [[the]] process the copied first tier file (block 56). The aforementioned method of access is plausible for either read or write accesses. After the requested file has been processed (block 56), the controller may revert back to the aforementioned disk power control step or may terminate the procedure (block 61).